

FARMERS' ALLIANCE

ALLIANCE NOTES

—North Carolina has more than 100,000 voting members of the people's party.

—The people's party state convention at Jackson, Mich., unanimously adopted equal suffrage.

—There is no use wasting time on civil service or tariff reform. The great questions are land, transportation and finance; the last is the greatest.

—The people's party of Kansas and Missouri demanded the submission to a vote of the people of a constitutional amendment providing for equal suffrage regardless of sex.

—Senator Gorman admits that it's impossible for the democrats to retrench much below the republicans unless taxes are increased. This makes the tariff reform problem in the air.

—Fort Worth Advance.

—The people's party of Iowa at its state convention elected two notable women as delegates to the Omaha con-

THE TWO-HEADED WHAT IS IT.
The Silver Plank in the Republican Platform is Fearfully Constructed and Wonderfully Made.

The silver plank of the republican platform may be aptly described in something fearfully and wonderfully made." Here it is:

The American people, from tradition and interest, favor bimetalism, and the republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money, with such restrictions and under such provisions, to be determined by the legislature, as will secure the maintenance of a uniform standard of value, and the power of the dollar—whether of silver, gold or paper—shall be at all times equal.

The interests of the producers of the country, its farmers and its workmen, demand that every dollar be good, and the government, shall be as good as any other.

We commend the wise and patriotic steps already taken by our government to secure an international conference to adopt such measures as will maintain parity of value between gold and silver in use as money throughout the world.

Now, can any sane human being tell what it means?

Barnum's famous "What Is It," in comparison with this silver plank, wasn't "in it." It is about the sublime

But one thing they have overlooked, and that is the fact that there are two or three millions of people in the United States who know two much about the money question to be fooled with any such "slush" and "chaff."

The people's party folks are going to have lots of fun with that silver plank between now and next November, and don't you forget it.—Chicago Sentinel.

JUSTICE ALL ROUND

What is known as the "Soldier Resolution," Adopted at St. Louis, is Eminently Just.

A great many letters are coming in about the resolution to make good the soldiers' pay to a gold basis. That resolution came from southern friends. It was first suggested and approved by them. The north does not demand it.

When all one paper money is made payable in specie on demand it will prove the most certain means that can be used to fertilize the rich man's field by the sweat of the poor man's brow. — Daniel Webster.

The unit of coinage, to be of gold at its law given money value and silver measured as a commodity by gold as lawful money. All paper redeemable in coin.

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A THUNDERBOLT

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officials, and this spring the women have voted very extensively throughout the state. In many places fifty per cent. of the vote was polled by women. Nowhere was there the least disturbance and the experiment was universally pronounced a success. The Central Christian Advocate, a most conservative paper, says:

"We have read the press dispatches closely, and fail to observe that any of these women abused themselves by exercising the right of franchise, or were even so accused. Nor does it appear that their husbands went hungry, or their children were not properly cared for, or that the familiar basket of undarned stockings suffered from long neglect."

But based arguments have been laid on the shelf. Women are doing much of the world's work nowadays, and doing it well, and managing to take just as good care of their husbands and children as their mothers and grandmothers did. The suffrage will give them additional power to protect the home and loved ones. Evil has been allowed to assume great proportions, because the vast majority of the moral and religious element has been prevented from exercising control, while the vicious element has been given unlimited power.

The New York legislature has just given school suffrage to women and the bill has been signed by Gov. Flower. Over half the states now permit women to exercise the privilege of voting on all matters connected with the public schools. Two women delegates from Wyoming had seats in the Minneapolis convention. If it had been held four years ago that women would vote this year in a national presidential convention it would not have been credited. It would not be surprising if one or more additional states should be ready to send woman delegates four years hence! By a vote on woman suffrage in the British house of commons, a few days ago, it was lost by a majority of 26 out of 327 votes, notwithstanding Gladstone came out with a letter in opposition. The Woman's Liberal league, of England, is a powerful political factor, and Gladstone is its president. It is believed that he has made a serious mistake. No person who follows this question closely, watching the indications in all quarters, can fail to be impressed with the belief that public sentiment is growing in its favor, and that it is slowly, but steadily gaining grounds in all quarters.—Locomotive Firemen's Magazine.

THE OREGON ELECTION.

The Omaha World-Herald has the following interview with Paul Vandervoort, ex-national commander of the G. A. R., who has come back from a speech making trip to Oregon and Washington in behalf of the third party.

"What is the result of the Oregon election?"

"The people's party two months ago had no organization. Since that time the state has been thoroughly canvassed, and we have polled over one-fourth of the votes of the state, or over 15,000, carried three or four counties, elected one state senator and several members of the house and many county officers, and are now ready for the fight for the electors in November, with splendid prospects of success. The Oregonian says the party polled a much larger vote than was expected, and it indicates the break up of the old parties."

"You were in Washington?"
 "Yes in two places only—Goldendale and Walla Walla. The state of Washington is better organized than Oregon and will show a grand result in the election in November."
 "Is it true that Gov. Penoyer of Oregon, has come over to the people's party?"
 "That is true. He made a grand speech at Albina announcing the change, and circulated it all over the state. He will be in Omaha for our convention if nothing prevents.—Missouri World."

Will Fight Both.
The state democratic and republican conventions which adopt the non-essentials in the alliance demands swallow all they can—and try to side-track or sugar-coat the sub-treasury and other financial demands, expose their own weakness and only excite contempt from the order, because it is very uncomplimentary to the intelligence of the members of the alliance to presume them such a set of fools as to accept a miserable straddle and the very fact that the party is driven to such straight as to offer the straddle shows its weakness. It would be more manly and honorable for the parties to accept the issue of flesh and blood, against money, take their positions on the side of money, as they will soon be compelled to do, and fight. Alliance men will do battle with the evil one just the same, whether he be arrayed without disguise in the glittering garments of plutocracy or whether he wears the stolen garment of Christianity to cover all his form, but the cloven hoofs, like the democratic platforms of North Carolina and Georgia.—National Economist.

Be on the Alert.

Don't throw away your vote. Don't throw away a chance to protest against the financial system you know to be draining the life blood from the nation. A vote for the right is never lost. The only thing a corrupt politician fears is a strong, determined minority. The citizen who always votes the same ticket straight, and those who vote for the fellow or ticket they think are sure to win, are the banking capital of every political boss, the salvation of every plutocrat, the curse of every country. —Tulare Valley Citizen.

—Some good Christian folks are terribly afraid that the third party movement is going to develop a feeling against the rich. Well, Christ once said: "But woe unto you that are rich for you have received your consolation." See Luke 6:24. And while you are about it look up the fifth chapter of James, where you will discover the new testament definition of a calamity howler. —Industrial Review.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

The past month has witnessed considerable encouragement for the cause of woman suffrage. Bills have been introduced into many legislatures throughout the country and, while they have failed to pass, they have been lost in most cases by very small majorities. Opponents of the movement point to these continued defeats as evidence that it is a forlorn hope, but those who have advocated this measure for years know that at first was impossible, even to obtain a hearing and that they were insulted when they attempted it. Finally they were permitted to speak in committee room before the few who collected from curiosity. Then they were invited to address the legislatures. At last the successes, occasionally in getting a vote, but were defeated by a large majority. Now the question comes to vote each winter with the majorities against it grow smaller every year, sometimes only from one to half a dozen. It is a great issue that of enfranchising twenty million of people, especially when it involves many problems as that of woman suffrage. It means, in many respects the overturning of the customs of all times, and it is not surprising that it makes progress slowly. Smaller reforms have been obtained only through revolution and bloodshed.

The Illinois legislature last year conferred school suffrage on women. When they attempted to vote in Chicago, a short time after, for county superintendent, it was decided that it could not be done, because this officer was especially mentioned in the state constitution as having to be elected by male voters. This decision did not apply, however, to any other school

business interests of the nation.

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Millionaire Rat Reid has been nominated for vice-president on the republican ticket. Rat Reid owns one of the largest publishing houses in New York City—the New York Tribune. He has been fighting a boycott of labor in this country for many years. He was the most bitter, vindictive and powerful antagonist of organized labor in this country. Even the newboys at one time boycotted his paper. It was during this time that his paper stated that the business interests of Wall street demanded a king! He has also declared that the capitalists of Wall street could so act in twenty-four hours that no law of congress could stand against them. It remains to be seen whether the common people will suck his thumb and thank him for the Great War.

Arkansas is Lame.

The peoples party of Arkansas has placed a full ticket in the field and will fight to the finish for the state offices. Following is the ticket recently nominated by the state convention at Little Rock: Governor, Daniel Preston Carnahan, Washington county; secretary of state, Paul T. Harrison, Clark county; auditor, A. A. Scott, Sharp county; treasurer, Warren Wight, Benton county; attorney general, W. R. Parker, Lafayette county; commissioner of agriculture, William Manning, St. Francis county; state land commissioner, J. L. Thompson, Drew county; superintendent of public instruction, Dr. George W. Crosby, Cleburne county.

This is John Sherman's excuse for paying the gold-bugs in gold. Now he paid the soldiers in greenbacks. He says that was a promise to pay in coin. Has he done it? Has the republican party been just to the soldier?

Let the Omaha convention meet this broadly. Describe and concern for the soldier who bled than for the gold-bug that fled. This issue can be made grand and in that it will be just to the men and just to our principles. Find out what we owe them, pay that debt in greenbacks and thus put a sum of money into the hands of the people that will destroy the monopoly of gold-bugs and save our country. And in this connection the soldier should understand that the people's party is the only one to deal with his interests on honorable grounds. The republican party is trying to get up a whine about the poor old soldier and his pension. We propose to recognize that he has an unsettled account for unpaid wages, and that justice prescribes equality. —Nonconformist.

—Now that the silver dollar is a memory, and the silver dollar is a thing when the nation it was not worth as much or more than its face value in gold. Mr. Sherman says the silver dollar had gone out of circulation in 1871 because it was at a premium. Gold is now at a premium. Why not put his specious theory in practice and de-monetize gold?—Nonconformist.

And so it comes the coin to the farmers and workingmen with the catchword that "every dollar shall be as good as any other dollar." It reminds us of the old farmer's remark that "every man is as good as another" if not a little better."

As a matter of fact, the gold dollar is the only one that is too good for "farmers and workingmen." It is too good for old soldiers and the widows and orphans of dead soldiers. But it is just the trick for Shylocks and government bondholders.

For thirty years this self-same republican party has been handing out what it calls the "good dollars," the "happy dollars," the "cheap dollars," so as to tax bondholders, while to "farmers and workingmen" it gave what it calls the "cheap dollars," the "dishonest dollar," the "one-cent dollar." And now farmers and workingmen of all your hats, on with your money and farms; put into them and run for the 50-20 has been...

And then at the coming of the tramp cards, the international conference!

That is going to fix things up all right—but it can't be fixed that way! Election! Best thing for twenty years to fix it, and it's just thought now to do it a few months before election and that by an international conference! Happy thought! Will some one kindly look up Washington's farewell address, and see what he says about "entangling alliances with foreign countries!"

Will all those who believe in con

The silver plank is a mixture that will make Cleveland groan. In one breath the platform promises free coinage of silver and then qualifies the provisions which make free coinage possible. There shall be free coinage but the silver dollar is sometimes to be equal in "intrinsic and exchangeable value" to a gold dollar, and there must be international agreements and "safeguards" which prima facie preclude free coinage. It is a repetition of the old story, commencing: "Mother, may I go out to play?" Minneapolis Tribune.

"Promising."

The silver plank is ingenious as well as ingenious. It can be construed as promising something to the advocate of free coinage, as offering something of benefit to the silver interests, as calling for the coinage of gold and silver on equal terms, but insisting that the ratio between them must be arbitrarily established by international agreement. Thus justification for doing nothing in favor of silver can easily be found. Colorado Star.

"A Little Compromise."

Even the question of finance, or the silver plank was regarded as of little consequence. It means nothing. It is not a straddle even. Just as well might the convention have solemnly pronounced in favor of a reduction of the house rent on the planet of Jupiter. Memphis Appeal-Avalanche (Dem.).